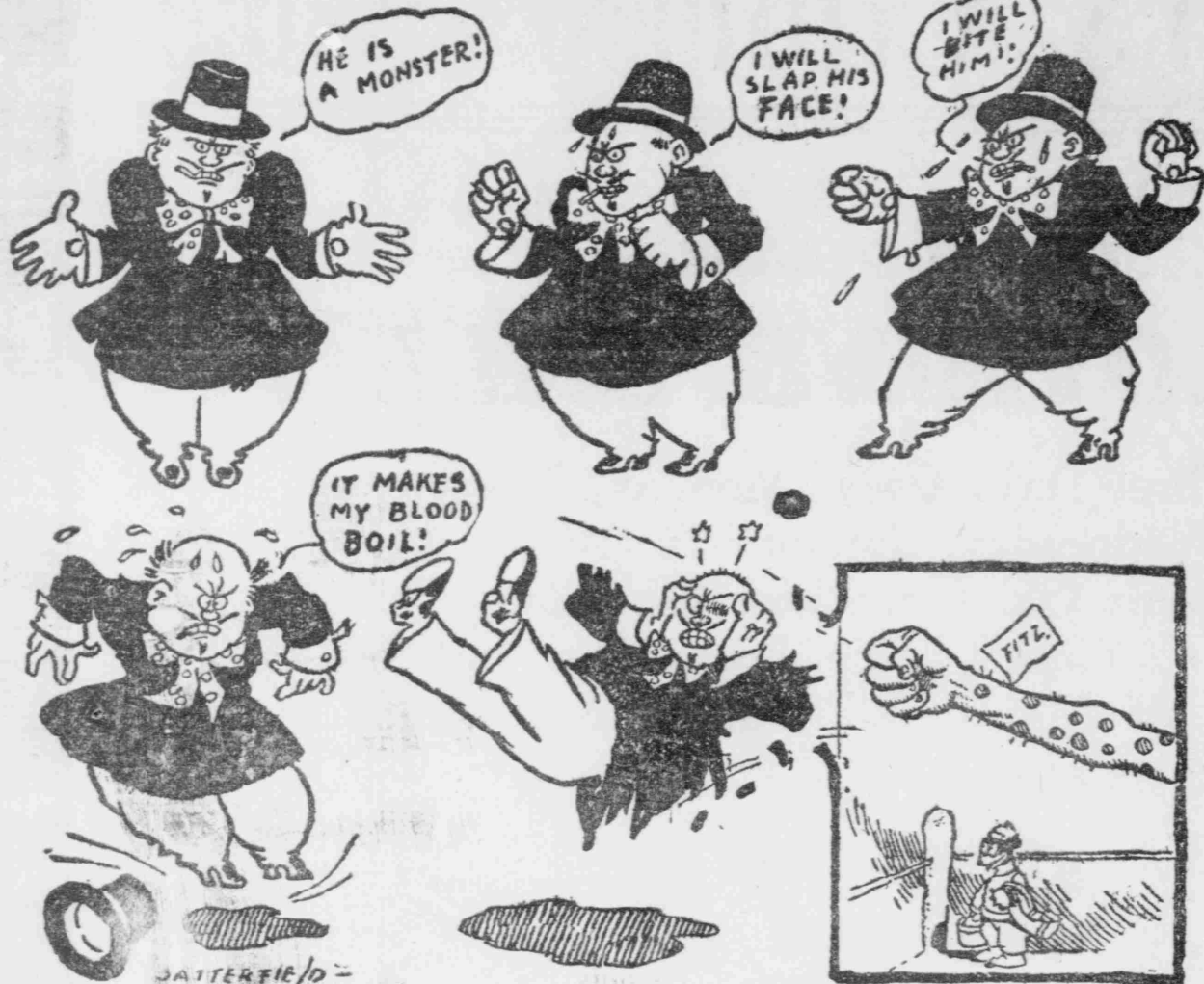


Herald Sporting News

THINGS THAT MAY SOON HAPPEN.



The Marquis de Terre Hermoso, Friend of Major Charles Miller, Attempts to Chastise Fitzsimmons.

BAT AND BRITT
TALK BUSINESS

Nelson Agrees on Return Match After He Has Defeated Terry McGovern.

WHERE NOLAN BUTTS IN

SAYS JAMES EDWARD WILL HAVE TO SETTLE FIRST.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Jimmy Britt and Battling Nelson have again been practically matched. The go is to take place here in April, or maybe earlier, but the pair will fight once again as practically certain.

Britt and Nelson met in a conference in New York Tuesday, at which some fight notables were present. Among them were Terry McGovern and his manager, Sam Harris. A match between McGovern and Nelson was fixed up. The articles were signed, and then Britt and Nelson went into conference.

Billy Nolan acted as spokesman for Nelson. He informed Britt that unless a certain \$5,000 was paid to Nelson that he would not fight again. The articles were signed, and then Britt and Nelson went into conference.

Britt was somewhat surprised at this statement. "Do you think I look like a collection agency?" queried James Edward. Nelson said that he did not care whether Britt was or was not, but he insisted that he get the amount of money before he would allow Nelson to fight Britt.

Nolan claims that this money is due him from the last fight. He contends that he had a \$5,000 share in the pictures, but never received a cent of it, and that he is entitled to \$5,000. This was taken out of his end of the purse to be paid to the referee.

Britt finally consented to use his influence in getting this amount for Nelson, and even went so far as to offer out of his own pocket.

Britt produced a certified check for \$5,000 to bind a match. The Nolan-Nelson combination had only \$1,000 in their jeans. The guarantee forfeit was not put up. The scrapers decided to put up the money two days after the McGovern-Nelson fight.

Jimmy Britt wired Brother William the following telegram this morning:

"Nolan has signed Nelson to meet me thirty days after we meet McGovern, provided financial difficulties over which we have no control are settled."

The telegram refers to the \$5,000. Whether this money is paid to Nolan or to the referee is a matter of opinion. The sentiment will force the Dane into a return match with James Edward. And the Dane should be willing. After he licked Nelson Britt generously took him on again. Britt could have avoided the Dane and gotten easier game, but he was generous enough to give to Nelson a return match. That's all he is now asking of Nelson. Nelson of the way the chances are that this return match will be consummated immediately. But William does not like to let things take a smooth course.

The public make fighters and their demands must be heard. There is a clamor for a return match. Even one of the deadened ear can hear the rumble if he will put his ear to the earth.

This fact will dawn on Nolan. Of course, William will be the last to be struck by the current of events, but when the blast hits him he will have to consent to let his broad ticket fight Britt.

After this bout it would be a good idea to match Sweet William with the fool killer, and if such a match were arranged the public money would certainly make William a second choice in the bout.

It is very unlikely that McGovern and Nelson will fight as scheduled. The chances are that Nolan will find a way to crawl out of that match. If there is a loophole in the articles William may be depended upon to run out.

HARRY NEWMAYER TO TRY OUT WITH PIRATES

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 7.—Barney Dreyfus, manager of the Pittsburg baseball team, has decided that Harry Newmeyer, the pitcher secured from Denver, is to be taken along with the pirates to Hot Springs for a tryout.

"I think Newmeyer will make a good one," was Barney's brief comment on the new man. Referring to the recent out in salaries on the Cleveland team, Dreyfus said today that if a player was not good enough to draw a good salary on the Pittsburgh team he would let him go, and announced there would be no salary cuttings here.

BASEBALL YARNS

"Scratchy" Home Run.

According to Joe Quinn, the "scratchy" home run that ever happened was made one day on the Des Moines grounds. The field at the Iowa metropolis is a narrow box-like affair, with the fences on either side so close that it is easy to knock a ball over them. For countless gates were cut in the sides, so the ground keeper could go out after balls.

The Des Moines team was playing Colorado Springs one day and the home team was at bat. Quinn was at that time manager of the Des Moines team, and three of his team had preceded him and were occupying the cushions when he stepped to the bat. One or two good ones passed and then Joe Quinn stepped up to the plate. Straight past third it went so fast that Granville, the best third baseman in the league, never flagged it. Just as it reached the fence some power from the outside pushed the gate open and without a slip of a bounce the ball went through. An attendant was away and all the Springs team could do was to look at the twenty-foot fence and sigh, while Quinn, preceded by his three teammates, completed the circuit of the sacks. These were the only scores of the game.

It afterwards developed that a boy on the outside of the fence had heard the crack of the bat and pushed open the gate to bring home at least a couple of bunnies, but the veteran Joe declares that a like occurrence will probably never happen again in baseball.

Man Who Invented Mask.

Christopher Von Der Ahe, the owner of the original Browns, has been the small card which did not take place. The man ever associated with the national game.

In reality, all has not been supremely foolish in Chris' diamond career. For years he gave St. Louis a XXXX brand of baseball. He made money hand over fist, and it was only because things came so easy to Chris that he went broke. He allowed a lot of "con" men, porch owners and child stealers to break into his simple life of getting money seven days in the week from each April 1 to Oct. 3, says the Cleveland Press.

But for all of Chris' follies and for all

the fun poked at him, he is the inventor of the catcher's mask. Old Doc Bushong originated the idea of using a strong piece of rubber to protect his chin and teeth when behind the bat. C. W. MacLain was renting one of Von der Ahe's stone fronts on St. Louis avenue at the time, and one night Chris suggested to him what a good idea it would be to put a mask, or cage, to protect the catcher's face. MacLain took up the suggestion and got up a mask, which Bushong, Beach and Wright later improved upon. But it was the MacLain cage, constructed at Chris' suggestion, taken east by the Browns over twenty years ago, that started the general making and general wearing of catcher's masks.

Hit and Run Game for Cy.

"If I were asked to give two principal suggestions for good batting they would be: Know your pitcher and keep close tab on the position of the fielders. I ascribe a large portion of my showing this year to the hit-and-run game," says Cy Seymour.

"I would give the runner on first base his signal for a steal, and then aim to beat the pitcher by a hair. For a pitcher serves slow ones and uses his head I use a lighter bat, but when a pitcher relies on speed I find a heavy bat more serviceable."

"I don't grasp the bat at the end because I can control it better and I can meet the ball more accurately by holding the bat a few inches from the end. Being able to place the ball in the various outfields helps a whole lot. For the fielders then are puzzled where to lay for you. And yet some good batters, like Roy Cullen, almost always hit to the same field."

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Wilson Challenges Weiser.

The match skating race between Harry Weiser and Theo Wilson, as advertised in one of the Sunday morning papers to be pulled off Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at Meien's rink did not take place. Both the principals were there in due time, but the management and officials who I was told, were not ready to break into his simple life of getting money seven days in the week from each April 1 to Oct. 3, says the Cleveland Press.

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